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by Scott McCullar



# Teacher's group endorsing H. Ross Perot's suggestions

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — One of Texas' major teacher groups Monday endorsed most of the recommendations by H. Ross Perot's education study committee, and suggested a couple of new taxes to fund the billion-dollar plan.

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said TFT supports all of the Perot committee proposals except recommendations to do

away with an elected state Board of Education and cut back vocational education funding.

"We cannot continue to de-

lude ourselves that a first-class educational system may be purchased dirt cheap," he said.

Instead of reducing funding to vocational education, Cole said, "we need to upgrade and modernize vocational education, to provide more training for high technology jobs, and to reach more children who can benefit from instruction in non-academic areas."

## Secret Teasip

Anonymous donations boost UT endowments

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — An \$8 million anonymous gift coupled with \$8 million in other private donations and \$16 million more in matching funds will give the University of Texas more endowed faculty positions than any university in the nation, UT President Peter Flawn said Monday.

The \$32 million will enable UT to establish 32 new endowed chairs in engineering and science, bringing to 665 the number of endowed faculty positions at the 45,000-student university.

"I think in terms of the total number of endowed faculty positions we are far and away ahead of any university in this country, perhaps in the world," Flawn said at a news conference.

Flawn said the anonymous donation from a Texas man whose wife graduated from UT was made on the condition \$8 million more could be raised from private sources. Five private foundations contributed the matching \$8 million, and the resulting \$16 million in turn

will be matched with a like amount from a UT investment fund.

The \$32 million will establish four chairs each in the departments of chemistry, physics, mathematics, molecular biology, computer engineering, microelectronics, computer-assisted design and manufacturing, and materials engineering.

"The anonymous donor came to see me before Christmas and he said... he was very much concerned with science and engineering education in Texas and in the nation and

he thought we had to accelerate it," Flawn said. "He investigated it and decided he could get the most impact for his money at this institution."

Private donations that matched the \$8 million anonymous gift included \$3.3 million from the Cockrell Foundation of Houston, \$2 million from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation of Fort Worth, \$1 million from the Cullen Trust for Higher Education of Houston, \$1 million from the Welch Foundation of Houston and \$700,000 from the UT engineering Foundation.

## CSISD setting new standards for local high school grads

By SONDRA HOSTETLER  
Reporter

Students entering A&M Consolidated High School next fall will be required to meet new requirements presented in committee reports during the College Station school board meeting Monday night.

State regulations for graduation require increasing credits from 18 to 22 for the 1984-85 school term. Students in the CSISD currently must meet 20 credits to graduate. Under the new recommendations, students entering high school in the CSISD will be required to meet the 22 hour state requirement upon graduation in 1988.

The CSISD is requiring an additional credit in either mathematics or science. Other additions to the curriculum for college-bound graduates include one unit of computer science and two units in a foreign language.

Students must also meet a passing grade of 70 instead of the present 60. In order to be eligible for credit in a class a student may not miss over 10 class periods because of extracurricular activities. There are currently no limits to the number of absences.

Other items on the agenda included:

- Approval to lease campus space to Aldersgate United Methodist Church for the month of May.
- Approval for eligible transfer students to attend

- Approval for the CSISD to participate in the Gifted and Talented Co-op Grant.
- Approval to award a contract to A.R.A. to supply the district's food services.

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bookstore when it buys a used book is whether the book will resell.

"If you can't sell a book, it's dead, and you might as well take it to the junkyard," said Texas Aggie Bookstore Manager John Raney.

The store's decision to buy back a book is based on the store's demand for the book, the wholesaler's suggested price for the book, the professor's estimate of the quantity of books the will need, the history of the book's sales and whether a new edition of the book will be coming out.

Based on all these variables, the manager of the bookstore must decide if buying back the book will be a profitable investment. Most stores keep an updated list of books to buy and those not to accept.

"It's a gamble," said Raney. "It's like the junk business. You never know if you'll sell it again."

Raney said 50 percent of the business he does is from used books.

"It's our only competitive edge," he said. DeHart said only five percent of his total sales are profits from selling used books. He said his buy-back price on used books is standard, following guidelines set by the National Association of College Stores and the wholesaler's listed prices to determine the rates.

"There is no money in books," Dehart said. "That's why we sell all the T-shirts and other things in the store."

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